

responses to all comments received on the preliminary APEA.

Commission staff have reviewed the APEA and license application and have determined that the application is acceptable and no additional information or studies are needed to prepare the Commission's environmental assessment (EA). The deadline for the applicant to file any final amendments to the application is June 8, 1998. Comments, as indicated below, are now being requested from interested parties. Any comments received will be addressed in a draft EA issued by Commission by late summer, 1998. There will be a 30-day comment period on the draft EA. A final EA is scheduled for the fall of 1998, or earlier.

Interventions and Protests

All intervention and protest filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "MOTION TO INTERVENE"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responses; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person intervening or protesting; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All motions to intervene or protest must be received June 22, 1998. A copy of any motion to intervene or protest must be served on the applicant.

Comments, Final Terms and Conditions, Recommendations and Prescriptions

Interested parties have until June 22, 1998, to file with the Commission, any comments, final terms and conditions, recommendations and prescriptions for the Curtis/Palmer Hydroelectric Project. The applicant will have 45 days following the notice period to respond. In view of the high level of early involvement of the Cooperative Team, we expect the majority of comments to reflect the agreement and preferred alternative in the preliminary APEA.

Copies of the Application and APEA

A copy of the APEA and final license application is available for review by contacting Stuart Field, International Paper, Hudson River Mill, Pine Street, Corinth, New York 12822, or phone 518-654-3445. Copies of these documents are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room.

Filing Requirements

Any comments, final terms and conditions, recommendations and prescriptions should be filed by

providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

In addition to the above copies, comments, interventions, final terms and conditions, recommendations may also be submitted on a 3½-inch diskette formatted for Windows-95 based computers to: Tom Dean, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, Room 61-47, Washington, D.C. 20426. For Macintosh users, it would be helpful to save the documents in Macintosh word processor format and then write them to files on a diskette formatted for MS-DOS or Windows-95 machines.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Commission staff Tom Dean at 202-219-2778.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Extension of Comment Period for Proceeding Pursuant to Reserved Authority To Determine Whether Modification to License Are Appropriate

April 23, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Action:* Notice of extension of comment period for proceeding pursuant to reserved authority to determine whether modifications to license are appropriate.

b. *Project No:* 4718-010.

c. *Licensee Issued:* December 8, 1982.

d. *Licensee:* Southern New Hampshire Hydroelectric Development Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Cocheco Falls.

f. *Location:* Cocheco River, Dover, New Hampshire.

g. *Authorization:* Article 11 of the project.

h. *Licensee Contact:* Mr. John Webster, Southern New Hampshire Hydroelectric Development Corporation, P.O. Box 178, South Berwick, ME 03908.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Grieve (202) 219-2655.

j. *Comment Date:* June 11, 1998.

k. *Description of Proceeding:* The comment period for the March 9, 1998 notice of the proceeding initiated by the Commission to determine if reserved authority under article 11 of the project license should be used to require modifications to the project is extended to June 11, 1998.

1. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular applications.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to the which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comment within the time specified or filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of any agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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